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Comparison of Economic Trends in Communist China and India during their respective Five-Year Plans

The following tables present brief summaries of trends in production for Communist China during its First Five-Year Plan, 1953-1957, and India during its First Five-Year Plan, 1950-1951 through 1955-1956.

Estimated Trends in Gross National Product and Population

India

	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Gross National Product						
Billion rupees a/	95.1	97.8	101.5	107.4	110.4	112.7
Index a/	100	103	107	113	115	117
Population						
Millions of people	359.32	363.35	368.67	373.28	378.08	383.06

Communist China

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Gross National Product b/						
Billion Yuan	78.5	86.1	87.8	98.5	101.7	104.3
Index	100	110	111	118	130	133
Population						
Millions of People	576.8	582.6	591.6	603.2	616.5	631.0

a/ In constant 1948-49 prices.
b/ In constant 1956 prices.

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Trends in Industrial Output

India

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Overall Index a/	100	103.6	105.6	112.9	122.1	133.0
Steel (thousand tons)	1,590	1,600	1,530	1,720	1,790	1,760
Coal (million metric tons)	34.9	36.9	36.6	37.5	38.8	39.4
Electric power (billion kwh)	5.9	6.2	6.7	7.5	8.5	9.6
Cotton yarn (thousand MT)	588	656	682	707	745	754

Communist China

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Overall Index b/	100	118	142	157	209	228
Steel (thousand MT)	1,349	1,774	2,225	2,853	4,465	5,200
Coal (million metric tons)	63.5	66.6	79.9	93.6	105.9	120.0
Electric power (billion kwh)	7.3	9.2	11.0	12.3	16.6	18.9
Cotton yarn (thousand mt)	656	745	835	720	952	837

a/ Over-all index for factory production.
b/ Over-all index for industrial output excluding individual handicraft.

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Trends in Agricultural Output

India

	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Overall Index of Output a/	100	102	106	115	116	[illegible]
Basic food crops b/ (million metric tons)	59.5	61.1	68.9	81.8	78.1	[illegible]
Cotton (thousand metric tons)	501	539	550	675	720	[illegible]

China

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Overall Index c/	100	120	98	104	109	[illegible]
Basic food crops b/ (million metric tons)	(177.5) d/ 163.9 d/	(178.5) d/ 166.8 d/	169.5	184.0	192.2	[illegible]
Cotton (thousand metric tons)	1,305	1,175	1,065	1,518	1,445	[illegible]

a/ Index of income originating including forestry products and subsidiary output.
b/ All basic food crops including grains, soybeans, legumes, and potatoes converted at 0.25 ton to one ton gross weight to make the figures comparable with the figures for Communist China.
c/ Based on a correction for probable underestimates of output of basic food crops for Communist China in 1952 and 1953.
d/ Figures in parentheses are estimated on the basis of believed understatement of 1952 and 1953 production figures in official Chinese Communist statistics which are given without parentheses.

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